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SUBJ: VISIT OF MR. AND MRS. HAROLD B. SCOTT AND MR. AND

MRS. GEORGE H. CHITTENDEN TO USSR

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1. IN ABSENCE MANZHULO, EMBOFF JULY 10 SPOKE WITH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY'S DEPUTY PROTOCOL CHIEF, V.A. RAKHMANIN WHO IS OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PROGRAM AND ALL RELATED ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUBJECT VISIT. RAKHMANIN CONFIRMED THAT SCOTTS AND CHITTENDENS WILL BE PERSONAL GUEST OF FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER PATOLICHEV, AND THAT ALL ARRANGMENTS FOR HOTELS AND INTERNAL TRAVEL ARE BEING MADE BY MINISTRY. RAKHAMIN STATED THAT WHILE DETAILS OF PROGRAM STILL BEING WORKED OUT, ITINERARY DOES INCLUDE TASHKENT, SAMARKAND, IRKUTSK, AND LAKE BAIKAL, IN ADDITION TO MOSCOW. HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE FINAL PROGRAM WHEN COMPLETED, WICH EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT PROMPTLY TO DEPT.

2. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONFIDENT THAT SCOTTS AND CHITTENDENS MAY REST ASSURED NOT ONLY THAT THEY WILL BE EXTREMELY WELL CARED FOR PERSONALLY BY FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY, BUT THAT PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THEM WILL BE EXCELLENT IN ALL RESPECTS. AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISITING US DELEGATIONS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, RAKHMANIN IN OUR OPINION IS UNSURPASSED IN ENTIRE SOVIET BUREAUCRACY FOR ABLE, EFFICIENT, AND THOROUGH

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MANNER IN WHICH HE OPERATES. MR. SCOTT MAY REMEMBER HIM

AS MINISTRY'S CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT OF THEN SECRETARY
OF COMMERCE STANS IN NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1971.
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